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FM AMEMBASSY LONDON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4676

INFO AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

AMEMBASSY SANA

AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

AMEMBASSY JIDDA

AMEMBASSY MUSCAT

AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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PLEDGED 35 MILLION DOLLARS IN CASH OF WHICH IT HAD  
ALREADY PAID OUT 25 MILLION. IN THIS MESSAGE THE  
BRITISH CHARGE ADDED THAT THE SAUDI CHARGE HAD CON-  
FIRMED TO HIM THAT LIBYA HAD ALREADY PAID PDRY 40  
MILLION DOLLARS.

6. FINALLY, ON MARCH 28 THE BRITISH CHARGE REPORTED  
THAT ACCORDING TO THE SAUDI CHARGE THE IRAQIS ARE  
SENDING A SHIP-LOAD OF SOVIET MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO  
PDRY.

7. MEANWHILE, ACCORDING TO BEAUMONT, ANOTHER PDRY  
ISSUE HAS BEEN ATTRACTING THE UK'S ATTENTION, NAMELY,  
RECENT (DECEMBER 18, 1977) PDRY LEGISLATION EXTENDING  
ITS TERRITORIAL SEA UP TO THE TWELVE-MILE LIMIT, AND

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REQUIRING PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF PASSAGE BY FOREIGN  
NAVAL VESSELS TRANSITING IT. A BRITISH NAVAL SQUADRON,  
HAVING COMPLETED EXERCISES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN, IS  
APPROACHING THE BAB EL MANDEB AND IS SCHEDULED TO

TRANSIT IT ON APRIL 1. ALTHOUGH THE "TRAFFIC SEPARATION" PATTERN OF THE BRITISH SQUADRON WILL REQUIRE IT TO PASS WITHIN THREE MILES OF THE PDRY COAST, THE BRITISH HAVE INSTRUCTED THE SQUADRON TO PASS THROUGH THE BAB EL MANDEB WITHOUT PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF THE PDRY GOVERNMENT, ON THE GROUNDS THAT THERE IS NO BASIS IN INTERNATIONAL LAW FOR PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF THE PASSAGE OF WARSHIPS.

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